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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week were trending lower in the West with a weak market tone. Trade sentiment elsewhere was mixed, overall steady at best, with mostly unchanged prices. Retail demand was fair to at times moderate and slightly improved in some areas. Food service was slow to fair. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate; floor stocks were in a full range. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate with best movement where weekend needs increased. Breast items were in a better balance, but still available, and wings were fully sufficient. Dark meat was fully adequate to ample and slow to clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**Preliminary report** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07-NOV-2005 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	57.00-60.00	45.00-73.75	59.74	28
New York	60.00-63.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	70.00-73.00	45.00-75.00	72.25	90

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
972	69.56-74.00	73.00

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	154.50	1,393
BREASTS - B/S	128.00	6,178
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00	1,358
THIGH MEAT - B/S	120.50	1,019
LEG QUARTERS	41.00	7,804
WINGS	84.00	3,015

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's trade into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to barely steady, occasionally weak. Offerings were mixed, but fully sufficient for the inactive trade interest. Movement was improved over prior trade period into retail channels. Food service demand was mixed, but mostly slow to light. Boneless/skinless breasts and wings were noted as seeing fairly good movement into retail and restaurant outlets. Floor stocks were in a full range, mostly in balance; weights desirable. Parts trade was light to moderate. Supplies of all parts were available with dark meat cuts ample. The market tone was about steady on regular wings, whole and boneless/skinless breasts; and barely steady to weak on the balance.

**SOUTHERN BROILER** Trade sentiment was steady at best, mostly about steady. Demand entering the weekend was seasonally light to fair with mixed trading and interest more focused on traditional items for upcoming holiday. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to instances moderate where weekend needs increased. Breast items were more manageable to fully adequate, and wings were readily available. Dark meat was adequate to ample and continued to be discounted to aid in movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices were 1 cent lower for next week. Trade sentiment was weak. Offerings were ample and discounts reported as commonplace to help stimulate interest in product. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light to about moderate entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were adequate to at least adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, supplies of breast items were noted as in better balance than earlier in the week and were mostly adequate for current trade needs. Dark meat cuts and wings were readily available and slow to clear.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the weekend and was seasonally fair to about moderate. Seller offerings were fully sufficient. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate, instances moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, interest in retail ad activity had developed at some points and breast cuts, particularly boneless/skinless were noted as in a closer better balance with needs. Leg items and wings remained available and slow to clear.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

### BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	55-80
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	10/31/05-11/04/05 (A)
	11/01/04-11/05/04 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	10/31/05-11/04/05 (A)
	11/01/04-11/05/04 (A)

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

NOV 03

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

NOV 04

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	603	90.00-160.00	-	103.35	593	90.00-160.00	-	103.49	3,200	102.08
TENDERLOINS	195	88.00-150.00	-	96.05	178	88.00-150.00	-	95.17	1,147	94.38
BREAST - LINE RUN	156	68.00-75.00	72-75	70.82	146	68.00-75.00	72-75	70.53	605	71.45
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				421	48.72
LEGS	128	38.00-68.00	41-42	42.38	128	37.00-68.00	40-41	41.44	640	44.31
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	589	27.00-37.00	28-31	30.68	589	26.00-35.00	28-30	29.63	3,005	31.50
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	950	31.00-40.00	33-35	34.26	1,011	30.00-40.00	33-34	33.94	5,091	34.75
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	72.00-80.00	76-78	77.70	299	71.00-80.00	76-78	77.37	1,432	77.63
WINGS (CUT)	290	90.00-99.00	94-97	96.26	285	89.00-98.00	94-97	95.91	1,210	96.09
DRUMSTICKS	78	39.00-68.00	-	43.26	78	38.00-68.00	-	42.10	383	42.74
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				195	48.76
B/S THIGHS	120	88.00-115.00	-	101.00	120	100.00-115.00	-	109.33	594	105.87
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS										
TRADING FOR NOV 03, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.										

**RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE**

36.50 - 44.50

39.94

**RANGE****TODAY'S AVERAGE**

36.00 - 43.50

39.22

**5-DAY AVERAGE**

40.09

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly under normal weekend demand but was noted as generally no better than fair. Offerings of breast items and tenders were in better balance than earlier in the week and was at least adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts were readily available and slow to clear. Wings were fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was weak for most dark meat cuts; generally steady on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

NOV 03

**CURRENT NEG****WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105-110	108.19	527,920
TENDERLOINS	100	89.41	128,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	69.77	111,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	62.11	81,000
LEGS	49-50	51.59	150,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	33.86	249,080
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	45.68	92,160
THIGHS	41-42	54.15	40,920
B/S THIGHS	101-102	103.19	62,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	79-80	87.22	162,400
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.05	29,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	49.73	16,182
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	69.55	17,600

**CURRENT NEG****WTD**

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105-110	106.32	733,780	106.54	2,942,360
TENDERLOINS	100	105.14	195,780	104.14	872,231
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	71.85	51,040	71.70	374,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	61.67	81,000	61.85	439,160
LEGS	48-49	54.85	186,299	53.26	883,939
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	31-32	32.18	277,200	32.20	1,822,520
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	43.66	134,880	44.71	525,130
THIGHS	40-41	49.97	60,120	52.44	237,110
B/S THIGHS	101-102	111.16	94,040	108.82	339,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	79-80	84.18	194,100	82.36	1,066,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.89	19,720	11.41	105,000
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	48.42	14,141	52.00	67,914
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	72.91	13,160	71.93	87,280

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
11/04	11/03	11/02	11/01	11/02	11/01	10/28	10/26			
Alabama	4,282	4,118	3,997	3,923	5.42	5.48	4,582	5.41		
Arkansas	5,256	5,524	5,401	5,373	5.31	5.41	5,945	5.31		
Delmarva	2,263	2,287	2,316	2,315	5.75	5.80	2,279	5.71		
KY-LA-TN	2,278	2,327	2,004	2,275	4.80	5.19	2,338	5.11		
Mississippi	2,966	2,967	2,704	2,753	5.52	4.98	3,355	5.77		
North Carolina	2,765	2,532	2,451	2,392	6.78	6.85	2,547	6.70		
Texas	2,525	2,525	2,535	2,535	5.34	5.34	2,544	5.33		
Total	22,335	22,280	21,408	21,630	5.53	5.64	23,590	5.56		
Mon-Fri	109,927(A)						110,424(A)			
Saturday	769	(included in total for date shown)					3,032			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Nov-05 and 05-Nov-05 is estimated to be 33,416,000 head down 5.60 percent from a week ago and down 3.10 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,399,000, last year 34,484,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 05-Nov-05 is estimated to be 163,237,000 head down 0.82 percent from a week ago, and up 2.30 percent from a year ago. (Last week 164,585,000, last year 159,561,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	95-107
	DRY PACK	114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100-112
	DRY PACK	118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	90-105
	DRY PACK	109
DUCKS		185-188

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 22-Oct-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	26,213	15,436	60,512
Avg Weight	3.74	4.62	6.38
% of total /1	26%	15%	59%

#### Comparisons

Last week	24,091	15,766	60,960
Avg Weight	3.87	4.65	6.37
% of total /1	24%	16%	60%

Same week, yr ago /2	26,563	20,634	46,613
Avg Weight	3.78	4.82	6.60
% of total /1	28%	22%	50%

To date/2005	1,138,907	921,274	2,106,041
To date/2004	1,091,143	897,435	1,929,327

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 29-Oct-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	164,585	1,402	1,485	2,887	511
Avg Wt	5.49	3.31	8.04	5.74	6.84
Last week	163,790	1,060	1,515	2,575	532
Same wk yr ago	160,527	1,433	1,519	2,952	480
Avg Wt	5.33	3.14	8.13	5.71	6.84
To-date/2005	6,942,801	62,306	61,095	123,401	21,385
To-date/2004	6,752,845	58,774	58,544	117,318	20,104

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.6 million head, or 4.4 million more than estimated available.

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
September 24	167.4	165.7	101%	5.30
October 1	164.7	165.1	100%	5.35
8	168.6	164.3	103%	5.42
15	166.7	161.8	103%	5.50
22	165.8	160.7	103%	5.44
29	166.6	162.2	103%	5.49
Year to date	7027.0	7076.5	99%	
November 5		161.6		
12		160.3		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

##### Under Federal Inspection

W/E	11/05/05	10/29/05	% CHG	11/06/04	% CHG
Broilers	163,237	164,585*	-0.82	159,561*	+2.30
Cattle	636	635	0	593*	+07
Hogs	2,140	2,153	-01	2,074*	+03

\*ACTUAL

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 31-NOV-2005

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	149-153	154-158
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	132-140	133-141
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66.00-77.00	70.50-75.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-87.00	73.00-80.00

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate. Weights were desirable. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 04-NOV-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

#### **GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 11-01-05**

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.40 - 1.50
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.15 - 1.20
Pekin Ducks	2.50 - 3.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.40 - .50
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.55 - .60
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.70 - .80
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.80 - .85
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.70 - .80
Guinea Fowl	1.40 - 1.60
Banty Roosters	.70 - 1.25ea.
Banty Hens	.50 - 1.00ea.
Silkie	1.75 - 2.50ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.65 - .70
Pigeons	3.00 - 3.25ea.
White Pigeons	3.00 - 3.25ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.10 - 1.15
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.75 - .90
Bunnies	.75 - 2.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	.05 - .50ea.
Goats	45.00 - 55.00ea.
Doves	2.75 - 3.25ea.
Chukars	2.50 - 4.00ea.

Total Coops Sold 560

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report for heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for light canners; mostly fair to moderate for heavy canners with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b>
<b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
21-32 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	3-13	8-9

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to slightly higher. Offerings were adequate to close for current delivery and deliveries planned for next week. Demand was moderate to instances good. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	.5-11	6-9

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings light.

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-NOVEMBER-05

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was no better than fair for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were generally sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS** Trading was too few sales to report prices. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were seasonal. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

#### **NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY**

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 31, 2005.

CAPONS:

Supplies of USDA grade A frozen capons were mostly adequate for current needs. Early bookings for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday were noted as satisfactory. Deliveries are in progress. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

6-9 LBS.	1.60-1.80	MOSTLY 1.60-1.65
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GEESSE:

Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Supplies of frozen USDA Grade A geese were generally adequate. Processing were working full schedules and bookings were as expected. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:

8-16 LBS.	2.30-2.40	MOSTLY 2.30-2.35
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